1	2	3	4	5
20.	Nagaland	14.52	14.50	14.51
21.	Orissa	76.16	55.10	103.77
22.	Punjab	20.82	20.86	19.28
23.	Rajasthan	66.77	94.60	83.92
24.	Sikkim	4.74	4.74	4.74
25.	Tamil Nadu	136.74	136.74	131.17
26.	Tripura	32.61	32.62	32.58
27.	Uttar Pradesh	328.23	411.55	401.38
28.	Uttaranchal	73.42	76.44	70.61
29.	West Bengal	143.40	178.43	171.43
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	4.68	4.71	4.74
31.	Chandigarh	0.88	0.73	0.95
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.62	0.60	0.60
33.	Daman & Diu	0.14	0.13	0.12
34.	Lakshdweep	1.32	1.35	1.32
35.	Pondicherry	2.99	2.66	2.14
	TOTAL	2254.36	2621.46	2563.68

Buffer stock of wheat and rice

1089. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the buffer stock of rice and wheat in the country as on 1st November, 2003, 1st November, 2004 and 1st November, 2005 respectively and the reasons for deviations, if any;

(b) whether flood situations in many States have badly affected foodgrain procurement and buffer stock maintenance;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the justifications therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool during the last three years as on 1st November was as under:—

(in lakh tonnes)

As on	Rice	Wheat
1.11.2003	56.59	164.13
1.11.2004	110.04	126.31
1.11.2005	103.38	90.52

The stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool on any point of time depends on various factors like stocks in hand, procurement, offtake of foodgrain by States/UTs, under various schemes, prices prevalent in the market etc.

(b) to (d) No report has been received regarding the flood situation affecting foodgrains procurement in any State except from Tamil Nadu, which has reported that because of the cyclone paddy procurement has been affected in districts like Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur and Tiruchy. This will affect the expected procurement of paddy in Tamil Nadu by 2 to 4 lakh MTs. Adequate foodgrains are however available in the Buffer Stock for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System and other Welfare Schemes of the Government.

Labelling of GM food

1090. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Medical Research has demanded that labelling should be made mandatory for all genetically modified (GM) food in the country because of health risks associated with GM foods;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action regarding labelling to be made mandatory for all GM food items and consumer has the right to make an informed choice where their consumption is concerned; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?